



WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 9, 1907.

The authorities of Cumberland, Md., are, very properly, endeavoring to identify the parties engaged in the lynching of a colored man in that place last Sunday morning. The Allegheny county commissioners met yesterday and decided to offer a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who participated in kicking and beating to death the negro Burns who was charged with killing a policeman. It is said that some of the lynchers are known and that the mob included several prominent citizens. It has been stated that a crowd estimated at 10,000, including many Sunday-school children, closely examined the body of the murderer as it lay at the undertaker's. In the evening an attempt was made to close the shop, but the crowd threatened to force the doors, and they were reopened. It is simply amazing that Sunday-school children should have been permitted to gratify a curiosity which ought not to be encouraged even on the part of adults. The effect upon these children cannot but be harmful, because it tends to make them callous—to accustom them to bloodshed and to deeds of violence. Lynching is the result of an excess of passion, and, like excesses of all kinds, it has a demoralizing effect upon all who are brought under its influence. Several years ago King street in this city was filled with boys, some in knee pants, as anxious to see a lynching as they are to go to a circus pageant.

CONSUL-GENERAL GUNTHER writes that the police supervision of Frankfurt, Germany, over the dealers in milk had for years endeavored to protect the consumers of milk against adulteration by frequent examinations. The courts, however, were usually very lenient and imposed only fines, which had little effect. Lately, however, in view of the many cases of milk adulteration, the courts dealt more severely with offenders and imposed jail sentences. Recently three milk dealers were sentenced to imprisonment and were fined for selling skimmed milk as "full" milk. If pure milk regulations were enforced in this country the coffers of the various municipalities would be enriched and there would be less sickness.

IF ONE gets in the way of the Sultan he goes his head; that is the Oriental way of maintaining official dignity. It is getting to be very much the same thing here. A chauffeur attempted in Washington to go past the President's carriage, and Mr. Roosevelt had him dismissed. A Mississippi pilot ran his boat too near the President's, and Mr. Roosevelt telegraphed to have his license suspended for ninety days. The inspectors in that district, wishing to make themselves "solid" with the President, went him one better and suspended the pilot for six months, though reliable passengers on the steamer say the pilot did nothing to warrant any such treatment.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BONAPARTE has revised his views of the immigration law. Some months ago he held that South Carolina has not violated the law in paying for the transportation of a shipload of immigrants and apportioning them among the localities where farmers were most in need of laborers. But he now holds in the case of a Cuban whose passage to New Orleans was paid for out of Louisiana State funds that the State has no greater privilege than an individual to assist immigration.

MAYOR FENNET, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, who recently gained fame by issuing a ukase that all bachelors within the city must wed within a year or pay a fine, was taken at his word Monday by Nolan Snow, a chauffeur, who eloped with the Mayor's daughter. Those who issue orders must stand the consequences.

From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, Oct. 9. Decided opposition to President Roosevelt's views on the advisability of federal control of railroads developed at the National Railroad Commissioners' meeting today. The objection was embodied in the report of the committee on the powers, duties and work of State railway commissioners, which was unanimously signed. Among other things the report says: "We cannot pass lightly the suggestion of federal incorporation of railroads and that of government ownership so often heard. It may well be asked whether or not many of the things now complained of as wrongs would have happened if the State commissions had been clothed with greater powers. As long as the several States have the power of granting railroad charters, cannot that body have the granting of charters under a well regulated law? They are nearer the people than any federal body can be, and are in closer contact with the railroads and those connected with their management and operation. Whatever may be the powers given the federal body in railroad regulation, there will always be a useful bit for the work of the State railroad commission."

stage. She will travel with a "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" Company, in Kentucky. Temperance societies, in order to offset orators that the liquor interests sent into local options districts, have organized several "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" companies, and it was one of these that Carrie was secured. Carrie is planning building in Washington a home for leprosiotics, with the money she makes on the stage.

Senators Martin and Daniel were both here yesterday looking after matters of interest to their Virginia constituents. The thirty-fifth annual convention of the International Association of Fire Engineers met in Washington yesterday for a three-day session. Upwards of 400 delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada are in attendance. There was a parade yesterday and today a test of engines and other fire apparatus was held. Large crowds witnessed the parade and test.

A report from the Isthmian Canal Commission says that 120 feet of the main line track of the Panama Railroad sank in the mud of a swamp or "sink hole" about three weeks ago. It was then discovered that under the French management, old dump cars and rocks had been used as filling to make the place strong enough to support the rolling use, so a line of piles have been driven in, and the railroad now runs along the top of these.

It developed today that Chief Strategist Russell of the New York Telegraphers Union has been in conference here with Labor Commissioner Neil. The result of the conference has not yet been made public.

News of the Day.

The prohibitionists carried the liquor election in Asheville, N. C., yesterday by a majority of 848. It is stated that Mrs. Mary Scott Harjo, of Pittsburg, Pa., was offered a million dollars to consent to a divorce. The German foreign office denies the report of a German fleet coming to Atlantic ports when the American battleships go to the Pacific.

Lieutenant Commander Vogelgesang was yesterday assigned to the command of the Mayflower, the President's yacht, vice Lieutenant Commander Long, who asked to be transferred.

An injunction was secured yesterday against the destruction of the Crittenton oaks in the Botanical Gardens in Washington to make room for the pedestal of the Grant monument.

A tornado that struck the section of Leeds, Ala., yesterday caused the death of about fifteen persons, who were hit by falling trees and timbers. The damage to property was great.

The Isthmian Canal Commission yesterday awarded a contract to the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company for furnishing six steel barges for use on the Panama canal at the total cost of \$120,000.

W. F. Holzman, lawyer and real estate operator, of Washington, was yesterday stricken with paralysis at the corner of F and Ninth streets northwest, and is in a critical condition. Mr. Holzman is a native of Rappahannock county, Va.

Twenty-eight of the "fat colonels" took their horsemanship test from Fort Myer yesterday afternoon, and the joke was on the President, who suspected that some of them couldn't ride. All, it is said, acquitted themselves handsomely.

E. H. Harriman and his policies were endorsed in a resolution passed by the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company held in Salt Lake City, yesterday. The board of directors were re-elected without opposition.

The veto by National President Small of the strike order by local No. 16, of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, of the leased wire operators to go into effect today, resulted yesterday in the strike order being rescinded at a meeting of the union held in New York.

Railroad commissioners from the various States were started yesterday when Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, in an address welcoming them to Washington, intimated that he wanted the States to yield power to the federal government over the railways.

The portico of the courthouse in Washington was the scene at noon yesterday of a fist fight between Leonard J. Mather and Leo Simmons, two members of the Washington bar. The "fight" precipitated the combat, which lasted several rounds, and the lawyers were pummeling each other fiercely, when friends intervened.

A summary of the Connecticut town and city elections held Monday shows that three of the four cities, which voted for democratic officials almost entirely. One hundred and thirty-six of the 168 town and city officers, against 145 last year. Three more towns than last year voted for license, making a total of 92 towns now licensed, against 76 unlicensed.

Detroit and Chicago, leaders of the American and National League, respectively, played 12 strenuous innings to a tie in Chicago yesterday in the first game of the series for the baseball championship of the world. The contest was replete with sensational situations, and when Umpire O'Day, of the National League, called the play off on account of darkness most of the 24,377 spectators sighed with relief and went home well satisfied with the outcome.

Secretary Taft was the guest of honor at a banquet given last night by the Americans at Shanghai. In his speech he declared that the United States did not intend to sell the Philippines, adding that the only alternative to the present arrangement was independence. Re-marking that the United States was pledged to the open-door in China, Mr. Taft declared that the United States would not tolerate any injury to her trade by political preference in any competitor. The Chinese presented a silver bowl to him.

Virginia News.

There is said to be a strong probability that as soon as Secretary Cortelyou gets back to Washington, the government will take over the financial management of the Jamestown Exposition and try to get back a part of the \$1,000,000 loan.

The battleship Kentucky, stranded on a mud bank at Lambert's Point, while passing from Hampton Roads to the Norfolk navy yard, shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning, but was floated by ten or twelve powerful tugs,

Joseph D. Smith, of Washington, and Miss Ida May Lindsay, daughter of William W. Lindsay, of the same city, were married in Leesburg Monday at the residence of Rev. W. L. Dolly, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

The committee of the Richmond council appointed to arrange for the reception on Friday of William Jennings Bryan, who will make a political address there, yesterday announced the plan of giving a dinner on that occasion in honor of the city's guest.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Southern Railway Company was held yesterday in Richmond. Col. A. B. Andrews first vice president, presiding. The annual report of the operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, was approved, and Messrs. Adrian Iselin, jr., Charles Lanier, Edmund D. Randolph and James T. Woodward were elected directors of the third class for the term of three years.

Roland Hubbard and Robert Burnett, two white boys, were fined in Police Court in Richmond yesterday morning for distributing a quantity of the commodity known as "cachoo" powder among the audience at the Bijou Theater Monday night, practically putting a stop to the performance for a time. The actors on the stage caught the contagion, making their performance in some instances ridiculous. The same youngsters operated also among the crowd on the street during a Salvation Army service, causing that to break up entirely.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

Judge E. W. Saunders, member of Congress from the Fifth Virginia district, was the central figure in a debate on the floor of the House of Deputies of the General Episcopal Convention in Richmond yesterday. Judge Saunders advocated that an amendment be inserted in the rules of order requiring that when two men in the convention arise simultaneously the first man up would have the privilege of the floor. Judge Saunders protested his right to debate the amendment, which had been adopted by the committee on rules of order, but this question was put to the house and the amendment failed.

The Virginia delegate was again opposed when he introduced, as a resolution, an amendment to the rules of order to the effect that the rules be placed on the calendar of each day's proceedings. At the outset Judge Saunders continued to debate his right to discuss an amendment after its adoption by a committee. After he had been interrupted several times the amendment requiring that the rules of order be placed on each day's calendar was carried almost unanimously.

The committee on new dioceses reported that it had considered a memorial from the missionary district of Laramie, requesting that the State of Wyoming be recognized as a separate missionary district, and had agreed that the house had no authority to act in the matter. The question was referred to the House of Bishops, the committee on dioceses being discharged from further consideration of the subject.

A message from the House of Bishops reported the concurrence of the bishops in a resolution adopted by the House of Deputies granting the petition of the Diocese of Georgia for a division of that State into two dioceses. The creation of the new diocese necessitates the creation of a new bishop. No suggestion has yet been made as to who the new bishop will be.

The proposed preamble to the constitution, passed by on Monday, was again taken up. Delegate Ould, of Virginia, offered an amendment to the proposed preamble, striking out the word "American," and making the sentence read "this church," etc. In speaking of the amendment Mr. Ould called attention to the fact that there are other American churches.

D. Huntington, of New York, the father of the preamble, said that the purpose of the preamble was to let a little religion into the organic law of the church. He had always been in sympathy, he said, with the Protestant denominations, but the Protestant Episcopal Church was, in his opinion, a truly American church. He maintained that there is now danger that the church will be looked upon as an annex of the Church of England.

A vote was taken on the Ould amendment and the amendment was lost. The House of Bishops considered the question whether the address delivered before them by the archbishop of the West Indies, relating to white and negro churches, be printed in full for distribution, the question being voted on and carried by a large majority.

A report from the commission on the canal zone was received. This territory is now under the jurisdiction of the American church. It was formerly governed by the Church of England. Rev. Dr. Henry B. Bryan was created Archbishop of Panama, and also endowed with the title of priest in charge of the canal zone, the cities of Panama and Colon and parts adjacent thereto.

The bishops considered the question of a petition from the Christians of Japan, inquiring what would be necessary to the creation of a Japanese bishopric to officiate in his own country, and under what conditions such a dignity could be conferred. The discussion of this question was not closed.

A joint session of the two houses was held in St. Paul's Church in the afternoon, the business sessions having adjourned for that purpose. The general subject, "What Is the Responsibility of the American Church in the Far East," was discussed.

A reception to the general convention was given at the Jefferson Hotel by the Richmond churchmen at night. The reception was well attended, many of the notable men of the church being present.

The bishops discussed the question of dividing the church into eight provinces, each to hold a synod yearly, at which the bishops, presbyters, and laymen will sit. No action was taken.

A sensation was sprung in the afternoon at a joint session of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies Bishop Brent, of the Philippines, criticized the United States government most severely for its treatment of the people of the Philippine Islands. He said christian people and christian churches should demand that Congress give the Philippines common justice. "I demand that you make an attempt to remedy the injustices that have been done by the country to the people of the Philippine Islands." The speech was greeted with cheers.

A million dollars was given as a thank offering at the men's communion service this morning.

City Council.

The first meeting of the City Council since July 7 was held last night. Considerable routine business was transacted—the accumulation of the past three months. The official proceedings will be found elsewhere.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Mr. Sweeney, from the finance committee, submitted a report on applications of the Reliance, Columbia and Relief fire companies for an appropriation of \$100 for each organization for the purpose of aiding in defraying the expense incident to attending the State Firemen's Convention at Newport News last August. The committee recommended an appropriation of \$50 to each of the companies. Mr. Sweeney gave the reasons of the committee for the report.

A discussion followed, which was participated in by all the Aldermen, and the report was finally adopted. This action was subsequently reconsidered, and by a unanimous vote \$75 was appropriated for each organization.

Mr. W. H. May and others presented a protest against Mr. P. T. Harrington being allowed to erect a livery stable on the east side of St. Asaph street between King and Cameron.

Mr. Marbury said this was a matter which should not come before Council. If the petitioners felt aggrieved, they could go to the courts, as the permit for the structure had already been granted.

President Curcio declared the petition out of order, and no action was taken. Some routine business was then transacted, after which the Aldermen, without discussion, concurred in the action of the Common Council on all the papers sent in.

Mr. Sweeney presented a report favoring the payment of a bill of \$378.28 of the Pinkerton Detective Agency for services in connection with the investigation of the murder of George N. Curcio. The report was the same submitted several months ago. The report was adopted, after which the board adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The board was called to order at 7:50 o'clock, the President presiding. The committee on light reported favorably on a petition of the Alexandria Light Infantry to be relieved of the payment of a bill of \$205.92 for gas used by that company. The report of the committee was adopted.

On a petition for a gas light at the intersection of Fairfax and Gibson streets the committee on light reported that the petition had been granted providing a suitable person agreed in writing to aid in the light. The report was adopted.

A petition of sundry citizens living on Washington street near the intersection of Wythe and Montgomery streets stating that a good sidewalk and curb were badly needed at that point, was referred to the committee on streets.

A petition from Mr. C. C. Bailey for the purchase of the entire output of the ammonia of the city gas works was submitted by the committee on light. The petitioner states that he is willing to pay \$550 per annum for the ammonia providing the city carbonizes not less than 4,000 tons of coal.

Mr. Usher said that the proposition had been submitted to the light committee, but that they had thought best to submit it to the city. The city at present got no income from the ammonia. The committee had agreed to ask Council to authorize the committee to enter into a three years contract with Mr. Bailey. He said the additional cost to the city would not be \$50.

Mr. Strauss said that inasmuch as \$500 would be made by the city, he thought the plan was a good idea. The committee was authorized to enter into a contract with Mr. Bailey.

A communication was received from A. J. McKiever, secretary and treasurer of the Alexandria Electric Light Company, stating that new generators had been placed in the works and that the plant was now in good condition to furnish high-grade electricity. He also stated that the company would shortly increase the city arc lights from 6 to 7.5 amperes which were equivalent to a 2,000 candle power light. With the communication was a resolution by the committee on light that the change would be acceptable.

Mr. Usher said the matter of the city lights had been referred to Mr. Philander Betts, electrical engineer for the Washington Gas Light Company, and he had said the 7.5 ampere lights were sufficient. He asked immediate consideration.

Mr. Spinks wanted to know if the city did not enter into a contract with the electric company for 2,000 candle power light.

Mr. Usher said Mr. Betts was an authority on electrical matters and the committee had taken his advice. He said that the 7.5 ampere was a recognized 2,000 candle power light, the present lights were not equal to the old ones but the company wanted to put up the proper lights as soon as they could.

Mr. Williams—"Does that affect the city's contract?"

Mr. Usher said he believed not.

After some further discussion by Messrs. Strauss, Spinks, Williams and Usher, the matter was recommitted to the committee on light.

A petition for a gas lamp at the corner of Duke and Fayette streets was referred to the committee on light.

A communication was received from the City School Board concerning a new school building for girls, asking that a conference be held on the matter. The committee also asks for an additional appropriation of \$1,500 to increase the salaries of some of the teachers and to liquidate the board's debt of last year. The matter was referred to the committee on finance and schools.

A petition from W. P. Graves, sr., asked for the refunding of taxes paid on property near Fairfax and Franklin streets, which had been paid by mistake between the years 1859 to 1871. He asked that the city allow him \$184.08 paid as taxes. The petition was referred to the committee on finance.

A resolution was adopted asking the Corporation Attorney and the committee on public property, finance and general laws to report to council at the next meeting the status of negotiations with Dr. Laura relative to the ownership of the land north of the Old Dominion Glass Works.

A resolution appropriating \$2,000 for repairs at the Alma House was referred to the committee on poor.

A petition was received from Mr. W. H. May and a number of property owners objecting to the erection by Mr. P. T. Harrington of a livery stable on St. Asaph street, between King and Cameron streets. The petitioners state that the street would be blocked by vehicles and horses; that in summer foul odors would arise and that the place would be a breeding place for rats and insects. They asked that the matter be fully investigated.

A member objected to the reading of the paper on the ground that Council had nothing to do with the matter as Mr. Harrington had complied with the building regulations.

The Chair held that the citizens had the right to petition, and after the paper had been read it was referred to the committee on streets and general laws.

Reports from the committee on finance on the petitions of the three fire companies asking for \$100 each to help defray the expenses of the company to Newport News was received from the Aldermen. This committee on finance had recommended that the Reliance Fire Engine Company be given \$75; the Columbia \$75, and the Relief \$50. This recommendation had been adopted by the Aldermen.

Mr. Williams argued in favor of giving the fire companies the money asked; the committee had told them to go ahead and council would make the appropriation. This was a parallel case with that of the Mayor and the Pinkerton Detective Agency. The money had been expended and the full amount should be paid them.

Mr. Burke said he could see no parallel case. The committee had only told them they would recommend the appropriation.

Mr. Williams insisted that it was a parallel case and said he could not see where it was not.

Mr. Burke said the committee had not contracted any debt.

After further debate between Messrs. Williams and Burke, Mr. Usher read the letter addressed to the fire companies, stating that the committee would recommend the appropriation.

Mr. Williams insisted that the last clause of the letter intimated that council would give the money. After further argument by Messrs. Spinks, Strauss and Brill, the latter moved that the appropriation for the Relief Hook and Ladder Company be made \$75, which motion was lost. Finally the action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting the committee's report was concurred in.

A proposition was received from Thomas Atkinson to repair the steeple and vane of the City Hall for \$100. The matter was referred to the committee on public property.

Mr. Usher asked what had become of the proposition to paint the gas office which had been referred to the Sinking Fund Commissioners. The chair stated that as council had taken a vacation the commissioners had done likewise. A resolution asking for an additional appropriation of \$300 for fire plugs, the old appropriation having been exhausted was passed.

The report of the finance committee recommending the appropriation of \$378.28 to pay the bill of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, was received from the Aldermen.

The report was the same as made by the committee when it previously reported on the matter. In the report recommending payment, the joint committee on finance and general laws used pointed language in criticizing the action of the mayor in incurring the expense. It was declared that the procedure was "without any authority or precedent," and the hope was expressed that such an incident might never occur again. In explaining why the bill "created in an irregular manner" was introduced, it was stated in the report that the committee wished to support the "well-motivated actions of the executive." The assertion was added, however, that the recommendation was not influenced in the slightest degree by any apprehension that the city might be held legally responsible for the amount.

Though the report was adopted as it came from the joint committee, the Mayor's cause was defended by Messrs. Williams and Spinks, who stated that he had acted entirely within his authority in the matter. Mr. Williams asserted that the city's executive was absolutely obedient of the legal correctness of his position, but that he had expressed himself as willing to accept censure rather than subject the city to a law suit in which he felt sure it would lose.

Mr. Spinks said he would vote to concur with the Aldermen in adopting the report but that he felt like apologizing to the Mayor for doing so.

Mr. Williams again called the attention of the council to what he termed "a striking parallel" between the circumstances in which the Mayor acted and those attending the payment of bills contracted recently by the fire companies on the quasi assurance of the finance committee that the amount would be forthcoming when the council met after the summer intermission.

Mr. Evans said no one seemed to know anything about the bill of expenses and demanded a reading of the itemized statement. This was being done when a motion to suspend the further reading was carried.

After considerable debate along the lines of that formerly made by the members Mr. Williams moved to concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen, and the motion was carried. Mr. Evans alone voting no.

The Alexandria Distillery Company asked council for a fifteen-year lease on certain ground north of the old canal basin at a nominal rental, and the matter was referred to the committee on finance, public property and general laws.

A communication from Eugene E. Gaddis stating that he and his associates intended to erect thirty houses in the triangle bounded by Commerce, Price and Peyton streets, and asking that the city make provisions for sewers, sidewalks and other improvements, was referred to the committee on streets.

Just before adjournment Councilman Evans introduced a resolution, which was referred, calling upon the council to inquire into the validity of the creation of the office of police justice for this city.

Official.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held October 8, 1907, there were present: J. R. N. Curcio, esq., President, and Messrs. Hill, Brill, Marbury, Sweeney and Summers.

A petition of W. H. May and others protesting against the erection of a livery stable by P. T. Harrington on the east side of St. Asaph street, between King and Cameron streets, was read.

The President ruled that the petition was out of order, as the permit for the erection of a building on the site named had been issued, and the courts were the proper tribunals to which the appeal should be made.

Mr. Sweeney, from the Finance Committee, reported a favor of appropriating \$50 to each of the fire companies of the city—the Reliance, Columbia and Relief Hook and Ladder—to aid in defraying the expenses of the members of those organizations in their visit to Newport News where the State Firemen's convention was held in August, 1907.

The report was adopted, but the Aldermen subsequently reconsidered their action and appropriated \$75 to each of the above-named companies.

A petition of T. B. Cochran for permission to place a wooden porch in the rear of a house, No. 722 King street, was granted provided there is no objection on the part of adjoining property owners.

A petition of John McKenna for permission to replace a single roof on his shop, No. 303 south Columbus street, was granted on the same terms.

Mr. Sweeney submitted a report on a bill of \$378.28 of the Pinkerton Detective Agency for services in connection with the investigation of the murder of George N. Curcio, recommending that the same be paid, and the report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

He also presented a resolution appropriating \$300 for fire plugs, which was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The following was received from the Common Council and their action concurred in by unanimous vote:

Communications from the City School Board requesting an extra appropriation of \$1,500 for the increase of salaries of teachers and to liquidate indebtedness incurred by the board. Also a communication from the School Board concerning the erection of a new school building for girls.

Resolution appropriating \$2,000 for improvements at the Alma House.

Petition of W. P. Graves for the refunding of certain taxes paid by mistake between the years 1859 to 1871. Mr. P. T. Harrington, enclosing a communication from the Mayor of Virginia Municipalities.

Bill of Dr. S. B. Moore (\$7.50) for professional services, in lunacy commission and inquest.

Petition of the Alexandria Distillery Company for the lease of certain city property near the old Alexandria canal.

Petition of sundry citizens for the sidewalk on Washington street, between Wythe and Montgomery.

A petition of the Alexandria Light Infantry for permission to connect their armory with the Royal street sewer.

Communication from E. E. Gaddis in reference to improvements at Commerce, Peyton and Price streets.

Petition of S. B. Tucker for permission to build a two-story frame dwelling on Queen street, between Alfred and Patrick.

Petition of C. H. Yohr for permission to repair a single roof on house 123 north Washington street.

Resolution appropriating \$100 to maintain a public night school.

Resolution inquiring into the status of the negotiations between the city and the Dr. Louria.

Communication of C. C. Bayly offering to purchase ammonia from the City Gas Works.

Petition of sundry citizens for a gas lamp at Duke and Fayette streets.

Proposition of the Alexandria Electric Company in regard to proposed change of arc lamps.

A communication from the Mayor enclosing a letter from the President of the League of Virginia Agricultural Societies, relating to a meeting of the organization at Richmond, on January 15th, 1908, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A petition of Willard P. Graves, sr., for a refunding of taxes and money paid under mistake, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication from the City School Board requesting that a new school building be erected for girls, and that an additional appropriation of \$1,500 be made so as to increase the salaries of some of the teachers and liquidate indebtedness incurred last year, was referred to the joint Committee on Finance and Schools.

A resolution appropriating \$2,000 for necessary repairs at the Alma House was offered by Mr. Williams and referred to the joint Committee on Finance and Schools.

A report of the Finance Committee recommending an appropriation of \$50 for the Relief Hook and Ladder Company was received from the Board of Aldermen. A motion to reconsider in the action of the board was lost, yeas 6, nays 8, a division of the board was concurred in, yeas 8, nays 6.

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A report of the Finance Committee recommending an appropriation of \$75 each to the President of the Columbia Engine Company and to the President of the Reliance Engine Company.

Also a resolution making an additional appropriation of \$200 for fire plugs.

Also a resolution of T. B. Cochran for permission to place a wooden porch, east side, rear of 722 King street.

Also a petition from John McKenna for permission to resingle roof at 303 south Columbus street.

The board adjourned.

HUBERT SNOWDEN, President.

Teste: DANIEL R. STANSBURY, Clerk C. C.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Dr. Blackford Injured.

[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.]